GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7339
ANSWERED ON:15.05.2002
DEVELOPMENT OF WESTERN GHATS
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation made by the Government for the Western Ghats Development Programme, till -date;

(b) the amount actually spent on the development programme;

(c) whether there is tardy progress in the said programme;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to remedy the situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER O STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (e) : Western Ghats Development Programme was launched in the Fifth Five Year Plan covering specified talukas of the Western Ghats Region of five States viz., Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala and Goa. This programme is fully funded by the Central Government. Special Central Assistance is made available to these State Governments to supplement their efforts in achieving the objectives of integrated development on compact watershed basis keeping in view the over riding priorities of eco-development and eco-restoration as well as the basic needs of the people like food, fodder, fuel and safe drinking water. A statement showing the approved allocations for the programme since the Fifth Five Year Plan and expenditure reported against the same is annexed. As may be seen from the statement, the expenditure reported by the State Governments has been 97.50 % of the allocation.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.7339 for answer on 15.5.2002 regarding Development of Western Ghats

Planwise approved allocation of Special Central Assistance and Expenditure under Western Ghats Development Programme since its inception

(Rs. in crore)

Plan	Allocation	Expenditure
Fifth Plan (1974-1979)	19.92	18.25
Sixth Plan (1980-1985)	76.26	74.99
Seventh Plan (1985-1990)	144.44	138.65
1990-91	37.81	37.06
1991-92	37.81	36.82
Eighth Plan (1992-1997)	214.99	213.33
Ninth Plan (1997-2002)	302.79	294.10++
Total	834.02	813.20

++ Anticipated expenditure